

OHIO SHEEP & LAMB MARKET INFORMATION

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SHEEP AND LAMB OUTLOOK

Commercial sheep and lamb slaughter in 1976 was 15 percent less than 1975. Reductions should be less in 1977 by about 5 percent. Ohio's sheep and lamb slaughter should be down about the same amount.

In 1976, choice slaughter lambs averaged \$50 per 100 pounds at San Angelo, Texas. Ohio's average lamb price for the year was \$46.03 per cwt. January's average price per cwt. was \$50.00. Prices for 1977 may average \$2 to \$4 higher.

The January 1, 1977 estimate of sheep and lamb inventory was down 5 percent from a year earlier. There were 8 percent fewer breeding ewes one year and older in the inventory. Ewe lambs under one year of age were up 4 percent. If the additional ewe lambs on hand become a part of the breeding flock, some turn around in the decline of sheep numbers could occur.

Sheep and lambs on hand January 1 for the slaughter market were 8 percent below a year ago. This was due to lower placements and increased marketing in November-December, 1976. Slaughter during the winter may be down 7 to 9 percent.

Spring quarter slaughter may show an increase from a year ago. A moderate reduction in slaughter is likely for the second half of 1977. Based on the inventory of breeding ewes the reduction may be 6 percent.

Prices for the first quarter may be in the \$51 to \$53 range at San Angelo and a little higher, \$54 to \$56 the second quarter.

Table 1: SHEEP PRODUCTION AND SLAUGHTER

Year	U.S. Stock Sheep Head	U.S. Sheep Production Pounds	Commercial Slaughter Head	
	(1,000)	(1,000)	U.S. (1,000)	Ohio (1,000)
1960	28,849	1,628,014	15,899	180.6
1965	21,843	1,217,139	13,006	209.2
1966	21,456	1,250,534	12,736	307.2
1967	20,667	1,142,891	12,790	282.5
1968	19,108	1,130,250	11,884	129.6
1969	18,355	1,037,076	10,690	69.3
1970	17,433	1,082,268	10,552	68.2
1971	16,946	1,061,695	10,729	73.3
1972	15,853	1,066,312	10,301	66.0
1973	14,852	885,995	9,155	49.2
1974	13,744	804,630	8,846	48.7
1975	12,480	771,752	7,835	47.2
1976	11,480	694,000	6,714	42.5
1977	10,971			

Table 2: U. S. IMPORTS - MILLION POUNDS

Year	Lamb	Lamb & Mutton	Imports as % of U.S. Lamb Production
1960	12.4	87.0	1.7
1965	12.5	72.5	2.0
1967	12.3	120.9	2.0
1969	43.9	152.3	8.4
1970	43.5	122.0	8.5
1971	38.2	103.0	5.0
1972	37.3	148.0	7.4
1973	51.4	53.0	9.8
1974	24.2	26.0	4.7
1975	25.1	27.0	5.5
1976	36.1	39.0	15.1

Table 3: LAMB AND MUTTON CONSUMPTION PER PERSON, U.S.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Pounds</u>
1950	4.0
1960	4.8
1965	3.7
1970	3.3
1971	3.1
1972	3.3
1973	2.7
1974	2.3
1975	2.0
1976	1.9

Table 4: OHIO SLAUGHTER LAMB PRICES (\$/CWT.)

<u>Month</u>	<u>1974</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
Jan.	38.90	38.50	46.40	50.00
Feb.	39.30	40.20	45.40	
Mar.	38.10	43.70	48.00	
April	40.40	45.40	56.40	
May	44.00	49.50	66.70	
June	41.90	46.30	52.10	
July	39.90	43.80	43.30	
Aug.	35.80	40.00	36.70	
Sept.	32.60	39.60	38.90	
Oct.	32.60	43.00	39.20	
Nov.	36.00	41.10	37.20	
Dec.	36.70	42.50	42.00	

Average Yearly Prices: 1974, \$39.30; 1975, \$42.80; 1976, \$46.03

Table 5: U.S. WOOL PRODUCTION, PRICES AND INCOME

Year	Shorn Wool Grease Basis			Pulled Wool Production 1,000 Lbs.
	Production 1,000 Lbs.	Price/ Lb. Cents	Value 1,000 Dollars	
1961	259,161	42.9	111,445	34,500
1965	201,463	47.1	94,999	23,300
1970	161,587	35.5	57,162	15,200
1971	160,157	19.6	31,416	12,000
1972	158,918	35.0	55,626	9,700
1973	145,239	82.7	120,125	8,000
1974	132,963	59.1	78,625	5,700
1975	120,197	44.7	53,694	5,300

Table 6: U.S. MILL CONSUMPTION OF RAW WOOL, SCOURED BASIS

Year	Apparel Wool	Carpet Wool	Total
		--Pounds--	
1965	274,696	112,330	387,026
1970	163,652	76,609	240,261
1971	116,310	75,151	191,461
1972	142,233	76,368	219,601
1973	109,872	41,394	151,266
1974	74,856	18,595	93,451
1975	94,117	15,908	110,025
Jan.-Nov. 1975	84,815	14,603	99,418
" " 1976	98,231	13,637	111,868

Table 7: OHIO WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE

	1974	1975	1976
Sheep Shorn	523,000	505,000	479,000
Weight Per Fleece	8.1 Lbs.	7.9 Lbs.	7.9 Lbs.
Price Per Pound	.46	.30	.51
Value	\$1,938,000	\$1,193,000	\$1,930,000

Table 8: U.S. IMPORTS OF WOOL FOR CONSUMPTION, CLEAN CONTENT

Year	Dutiable 1,000 Lbs.	Duty Free 1,000 Lbs.	Total 1,000 Lbs.
1965	162,637	108,943	271,580
1969	93,523	95,664	189,187
1970	79,810	73,325	153,134
1971	42,682	83,893	126,575
1972	24,790	71,849	96,639
1973	17,967	39,922	57,899
1974	11,758	15,163	26,921
1975	16,568	17,021	33,589
1975 <u>Jan.- Nov.</u>	13,688	15,489	29,177
1976	36,353	17,255	53,608

Table 9: SHEEP AND LAMBS PURCHASED BY PACKERS THROUGH DIFFERENT MARKET OUTLETS BY STATE WHERE SLAUGHTERED

State Where Slaughtered	Direct, Country Dealers	Terminal Markets	Auction Markets
---Percent---			
New York	13.3	48.9	37.8
New Jersey	24.3	13.1	62.6
Ohio	12.9	9.7	77.4
Michigan	3.5	13.7	82.8
Colorado	99.7	0.0	0.3
Utah	92.0	0.0	8.0

Table 10: SHEEP AND LAMBS PURCHASED ON CARCASS GRADE AND WEIGHT BY PACKERS

Year	No. Firms	Total Purchase	Grade And Weight Purchases	Percent Of Total
---1,000 Head---				
1963	295	15,172	789	5.2
1964	324	14,617	713	4.9
1965	339	13,019	656	5.0
1966	353	12,799	782	6.1
1967	355	12,933	859	6.6
1968	395	11,217	1,001	8.9
1969	383	10,401	685	6.6
1970	358	9,631	947	9.8
1971	333	9,797	725	7.4
1972	317	9,799	819	8.4
1973	329	8,952	710	7.9
1974	304	8,790	777	8.8
1975	313	7,723	813	10.5

Table 11: NUMBERS OF FIRMS REPORTING PURCHASE OF LIVESTOCK FOR
SLAUGHTER IN U. S., 1975

Species	Single Plant	Multi-Plant	Total
Steers & Heifers	630	35	665
Cows & Bulls	615	34	649
All Cattle	727	36	763
Calves	348	17	365
Hogs	418	31	449
Sheep & Lambs	182	8	190
Total (No. of reports)	868	44	912
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	<u>1972</u>		
Sheep & Lambs	205	9	214
Total (No. of reports)	927	41	968